

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016
6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 6:00 PM with Vice-Mayor, Ed Trumbull presiding. Members present were Don Nielsen, Marty Dyer and Ivan Devitt. Member Marty Follis was absent. Also present was City Manager, Bill Keefer; Attorney, Darren Cook; Assistant City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Jack Bower and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Trumbull opened the floor to Sheriff Harlan Moore who has requested to appear before the City Council to give an update on items of interest for the City of Grove. Sheriff Harlan Moore addressed the Council to express thanks to them for supporting their Grove Police Department the way they do because the Police Chief, Mark Morris and his Staff are always willing step out and assist his office when called upon. Moore then addressed the following accomplishments that he has reached during since his four year tenure of office:

- Initiated \$400,000 jail security renovation
- Completed a re-organization of the agency to bring all areas into compliance
- Established a dedicated investigations unit with 3 detectives, all formerly department chiefs
- Certified all jail staff per State Law
- Purchased new vehicles to replace aging fleet
- All employees have been given raises to compete with other local agencies
- Applied and received a \$96,000 federal grant for a school resource officer
- Received 5 different equipment grants totaling \$70,000
- Established a chaplains program with 12 volunteer chaplains

Moore again expressed his appreciation to the City of Grove for all their assistance, and extended his services to the City of Grove for any future need.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as corrected. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting of 09-26-16. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the purchase order register. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 6:10 PM Dyer made the motion to open a Public Hearing to take Input on the advisability of approving an Ordinance granting a permit (non-exclusive franchise) to Sudden Link Communications to maintain a video services system and other related services expiring on November 1, 2026 within the City limits of Grove, Delaware County, Oklahoma. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried. Keefer reported that the City has received a request from Sudden Link Communications for a 10 year extension of their non-exclusive franchise as described. Representative, Terrill Bradley was present to entertain questions, comments and concerns from the Council and Staff. At 6:17 PM Devitt made the motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to approve the an Ordinance granting a permit (non-exclusive franchise) to Sudden Link Communications to maintain a video services system and other related services expiring on November 1, 2026 within the City limits of Grove, Delaware County, Oklahoma. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion to the bid received for surplus storm sirens. Keefer reported that the City advertised for bids for the surplus sirens and the only bid received was from Delaware County Emergency Management in the amount of \$5,000. Emergency Management Director, Robert Real addressed the Council to report that the surplus sirens will be distributed between the Town of Jay, Eucha, Kenwood and an area of Lake Eucha. Devitt made the motion to approve the bid received from Delaware County Emergency Management for the surplus storm sirens. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to approve a Resolution scheduling a final public hearing regarding dilapidated structures located at 1227 Red Bud Drive. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to approve a Resolution amending Section 6 of the City of Grove's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual by adding Section 6-2.2, Safety Committee Accident/Incident Investigation Report Required. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Nielsen made the motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply and execute documents for reimbursement through the Oklahoma Quality Incentives Act for the 2017 FLW Costa Series Fishing Tournament event on April 20-22, 2017. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply and execute documents for reimbursement through the Oklahoma Quality Incentives Act for the 2017 U.S. Anglers Choice fishing tournament event on March 15-17, 2017. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Resolution supporting public education and properly funding Oklahoma schools and providing information pertaining to SQ 779 and its unintended economic and operational concerns for Oklahoma cities and towns. The Council heard public comments from:

- Patsy Wilhelm, and
- Margie Hayes

Dyer reported that this issue is very personal for him because the teachers that this affects are the teachers who are teaching his kids today. Dyer strongly added that the City of Grove supports education, and that he hopes that the teachers understand the position this puts him in. Dyer added that this Resolution is asking the people to fully understand the issue prior to voting. Trumbull reported that he felt like this Resolution wouldn't divide the City of Grove, and is actually offended that the State Legislature's has put cities in this position to make decisions like this. Devitt reported that the City totally supports education, and the Grove Public Schools. Dyer made the motion to approve the Resolution supporting public education and properly funding Oklahoma schools and providing information pertaining to SQ 779 and its unintended economic and operational concerns for Oklahoma cities and towns. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to approve a Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing on November 1, 2016 at 6 P.M. to take input on the advisability to close a portion of a public way (alley) located at 625 W. 6th Street, Lots 1 & 2, Block 55, Original Town of Grove addition, Grove, Delaware County, Oklahoma. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to appointment of trustee to the Grove Municipal Services Authority. Keefer reported that the Staff advertised for this position, and received only one letter of applicant from Robert Plunk, who was currently serving on the Board. Trumbull made the motion to reappoint Plunk to the Grove Municipal Services Authority for an additional five year term. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Keefer reported that the City of Grove / GMSA has received a total of \$548.93 to date from the 1% reimbursement for the use of the Purchase Card.

Keefer then mentioned that it has been three years since the City / GMSA did their last goal setting process where we established a five (5) goals for the community. Keefer asked the Council to be thinking about scheduling a work session for another Vision Planning.

Keefer reported that GRDA started construction today to the pavilion at Wolf Creek Park.

Nielsen reported that he noticed the carnival is setting up for Pelican Festival. Keefer reported that the Staff met with the GLA representatives at the site to discuss directions for setting up the "Beer" tent from the other tents.

At 7:00 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nielsen. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.